



# Hawai'i Girls Court

Family Court of the First Circuit - State of Hawai'i



**General Business Meeting  
November 15, 2016  
Community Stakeholder  
Presentation: Girls Court**

[www.girlscourt.org](http://www.girlscourt.org)

# Common Characteristics

- Resilient
- Resourceful
- Intelligent
- Talented
- Strong
- Too good to lose



# Gender Responsive Programming:

- ▶ Creating an environment that reflects an understanding of the realities of girls
  - ▶ Site selection
  - ▶ Staff selection
- ▶ Acknowledges girls' pathways into the justice system
- ▶ Intentionally allows gender to affect and guide services while respecting differences
- ▶ Create opportunities for young women to thrive



# Welcome to Girls Court

## Referral Criteria

- ▶ Between 14-17 years of age  
(maturity of girl will be considered)
- ▶ On legal status with Court  
(Probation or Protective Supervision)
- ▶ Parents or Guardians willing to attend evening parenting groups, participate in various activities, AND attend frequent court sessions.
- ▶ Referral is made by a juvenile court/probation officer



# Girls Court Program



**EVERY YEAR**

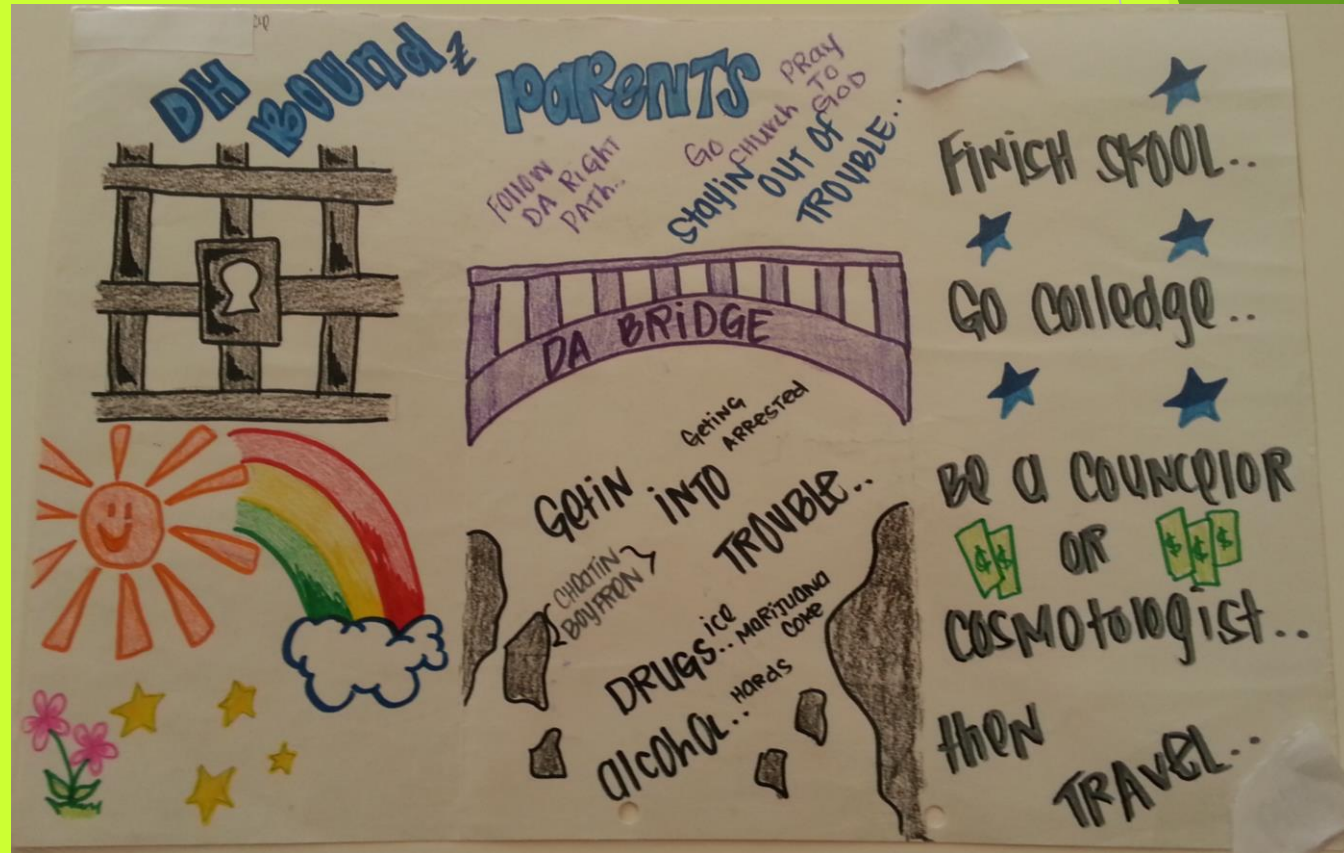
# Intensive Court Supervision and Support

- ▶ Court Hearings
  - ▶ Regular Open Court Hearings
- ▶ Comprehensive Probation Officer Supervision and Support
- ▶ Random Drug Testing

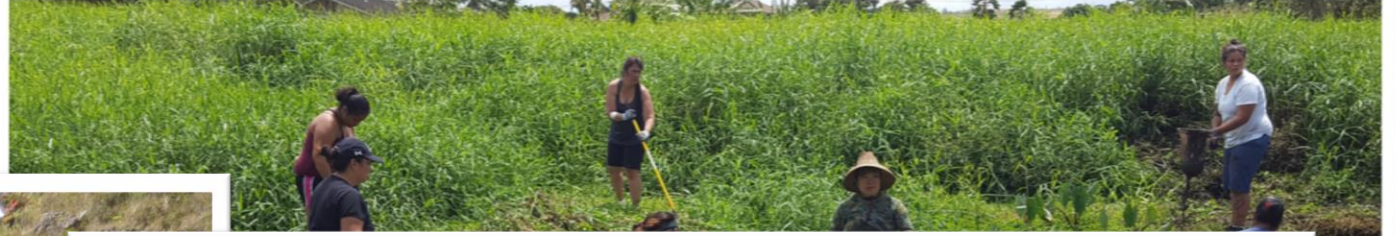


# Girls Court Therapy

- ▶ Girls Circle
- ▶ Family Circle
- ▶ Therapy
  - ▶ Individual
  - ▶ Family
  - ▶ Couples



# Experiential Activities



# Celebrate: The Year and Beyond



# Girls Court Works

- ▶ 88% Fewer Law Violations
- ▶ 98% Fewer Status Offenses
- ▶ 89% Fewer Runaways
- ▶ 68% Fewer Runaway Days
- ▶ Girls obtain their diplomas, get jobs, become college students, and become healthy mothers.



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